

Netherton Infant & Nursery School Newsletter

No. 1 Wednesday 7th September 2022

Latest News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year! It has been so nice to greet you all at the gate and see our new families and children settling into school life. I hope that you've all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a fabulous year here at Netherton Infants.

As you know, we've had lots of work going on over the summer – the outdoor classroom is nearly complete and we're already planning an official opening ceremony.

There's lots coming up in this first half term, so please get your diaries out and make note of the dates and events mentioned here – there will be more announced once our Friends of Netherton (FONS) team have met next week.

Enjoy!

Mrs Emma Barker
Headteacher

Welcome Mrs Heap

We'd like to say a huge 'welcome to the team' to Mrs Heap, who is our new Class 2 teacher. It is wonderful to have such a kind and enthusiastic person at our school – we hope you will be very happy here!

Outdoor Classroom Naming Competition

Now that we have finally got our wonderful new classroom, we need to give it a proper name! We'd like to ask the children to think of a special name and enter our competition. Please write down your ideas like this: "I would like to call the outdoor classroom because....." You could even include a picture. Remember to include your full name and class number – you can hand in your entry to your class teacher. The final date for entries is Friday 30th September. The winner will help to officially open the classroom and help choose a name plaque.



Important Dates

Thursday 15th September – International Dot Day
Thursday 22nd September – Tempest photo day to follow)
Thursday 20th October – Parent's Evening
Monday 31st October – Autumn 2 term begins

Wednesday 21st September – Open House
Friday 23rd September – Scootfit (more information)
Wednesday 19th October – Parent's Evening
Friday 21st October – Last Day of Term
Friday 25th November – INSET day (school closed)

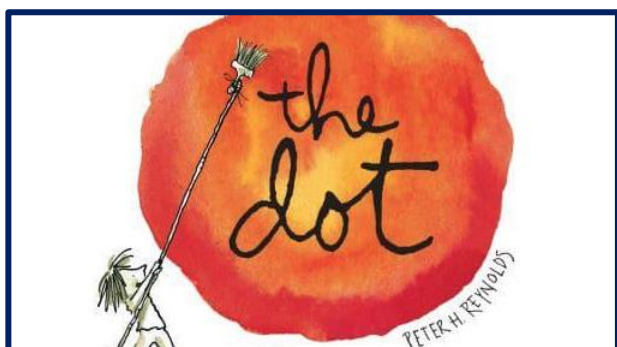
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International Dot Day 15th September 2022

Created by Peter Reynolds, author of the wonderful book 'The Dot', National Dot Day is a day to connect and collaborate and also celebrate self-expression. This year, we will be celebrating this day at our school, just like many hundreds of other schools do. During the day, every child will be designing their own dot to appear in a whole-school display. We're also asking children to wear one piece of dotty clothing – it could be a head band or t-shirt – you could add dot stickers to uniform. Please do not buy anything new, just be creative with what you have.

You can find out more information about International Dot Day by clicking the picture below:



Reception Baseline

Reception children will be participating in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of starting reception.

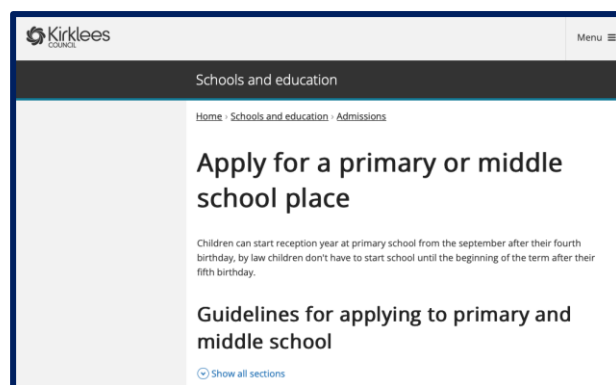
The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a new measure that will help parents understand how well schools support their pupils to progress between reception and year 6/the end of key stage 2. For more information click on the photo to the left. If you would like to know about this, then please click here: [reception baseline](#).

Friends of Netherton - FONS

FONS are our precious fundraising team and are led by our chair, Becky Nunn. We're always looking for new members to help raise vital funds for the school. If you'd like to get involved, no matter how small a commitment, you'd be most welcome and so appreciated. FONS is a great way to meet new people and really feel part of the school community – the first FONS meeting will be on **Monday 12th of September at 6pm** in school – if you'd like to pop along, then please do!

Junior School and Reception Admissions

Nursery & Year 2 parents – the admissions window for school places is now open. Apply online, sooner rather later as the deadline for applications is the 15th of January 2023. Just click on the image to the below.



Communication

Please keep checking our website, as we will continue to update the pages and information on there. You can also find out more about what's happening in school on our Facebook pages and Instagram. Remember to download the **Parent Hub app – this is our main method of communication**.